

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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*Healing happens in a community,
and The Margaret Home is a family.*

*We are a group of volunteers,
staff, and generous hearts who come
together to support mothers and their
children in every step of their journey.*



Thank You **TO OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS**

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AT THE *Heart* OF OUR HOME



A Message from our Executive Director



Reflecting on 2025, I am struck by the incredible resilience of the women at The Margaret Home. This year was more than just providing shelter; it was about the transformation that happens when a mother feels safe, supported, and truly seen.

Your commitment has made a tangible difference. Families have moved from crisis to stability. Mothers continue their education and secure meaningful employment. Children grow from a nurturing foundation.

The strength I see in the women of The Margaret Home is a quiet, determined courage. It is their bravery that allows them to set into the unknown, to trust others, and to believe in a different future for herself and her children.

Because of you, that courage and bravery is met with compassion and opportunity.

As we look toward 2026, we remain dedicated to empowering pregnant and parenting mothers to heal, grow, and thrive for generations to come.

Thank you for being the heart of this work.

With gratitude,

Paula Belemjian

Executive Director, Founder

A Message from the President of our Board



As I look back on 2025, I am filled with immense pride for what we have accomplished together. Yet, as Board President, my eyes are firmly fixed on the horizon. If 2025 was a year of stability and depth, 2026 will be our year of expansion.

The Board of Directors has spent the past months laying the groundwork for a bold new chapter. Recognizing that the need for our unique model of care continues to outpace our capacity, we are committed in the coming year to expanding our reach—not only in the number of mothers and children we welcome, but in the breadth of life-skills and transitional support programs that ensure our families thrive long after leaving The Margaret Home.

Hope is a powerful catalyst, but it requires a solid foundation to stand on. Your partnership provides that foundation. As we scale our mission to meet the challenges of the future, we do so with the confidence that this community stands behind every mother and child seeking a new beginning.

The future of The Margaret Home is bright, paved with the courage of our residents and the generosity of friends like you.

With hope and determination,

Frank Sapienza III

Board President

THE *Heart* BEHIND OUR WORK

Mission

The Margaret Home is a residential program that empowers pregnant and parenting mothers by supporting their physical, emotional, educational, and spiritual needs so they can heal, grow, and thrive.

Values

By virtue of the hope provided by our Christian faith, we embrace the following values:

Dignity—We believe in the dignity and inherent worth of every soul.

Encouragement—We come alongside and encourage one another in our journey together.

Family—We act as a family, offering hospitality and community to any woman who invests in herself and her children.

Integrity—We have the courage to face the truth and the future when we are honest with ourselves and others.

Respect—Though we may have differences, we respect and accept one another.

Love—We lovingly serve one another with compassion and empathy.

Vision

The Margaret Home seeks to build healthy communities by investing in families.

Services

A safe, supportive home environment for up to two years

A personalized action plan created with the help of a program coach
Education, employment, and parenting coaches to guide each mother's journey

Free babysitting, mental health counseling, and spiritual support
Financial literacy and credit-building classes

Connections to social services and community resources

Transportation assistance to ensure women have access to opportunities

A vibrant, nurturing community where women support each other in their healing

SCAN TO WATCH

"Discover The Margaret Home"

To learn more about our services, please visit themargarethome.org



Voices FROM THE MARGARET HOME

Emma's Story of Hope

Emma didn't just need a bed; she needed a home. After fleeing an unsafe relationship, she realized a traditional shelter couldn't offer the foundation she needed. In the first trimester of her pregnancy, she arrived at The Margaret Home.

What started as a search for safety turned into the discovery of a family. From shared holiday traditions to the small, everyday celebrations of motherhood, Emma found the community she always needed. **Today, she isn't just "getting by"—she is thriving.** Armed with the tools from her classes in finance, parenting, and spirituality, Emma has built a stable foundation for her daughter.

Emma's journey reminds us that transformation happens best when we are surrounded by people who believe in our worth.

Taye's Story of New Beginnings

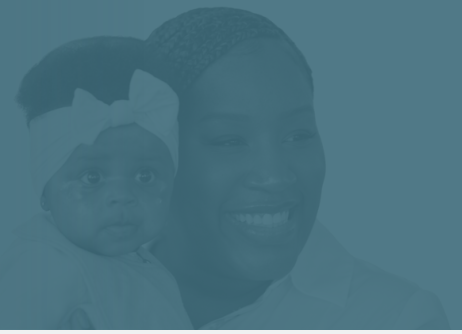
Before coming to The Margaret Home, Taye struggled just to pay rent and make ends meet. The early days of her pregnancy were marked by severe morning sickness, making it impossible to keep up with work. Weighted down by financial instability and the fear that she wouldn't be able to provide the life her daughter deserved, Taye set the intention to place her baby for adoption.

Choosing to move into The Margaret Home changed the trajectory of her life. Instead of a goodbye, she found a beginning—the opportunity to raise and love her daughter herself, building a family foundation rooted in hope. Through parenting and spirituality classes, Taye has found the quiet strength and the space to work through personal challenges.

Today, she and her daughter are no longer walking this path alone; they have found an extended family in the staff and volunteers, experiencing what it truly feels like to be cared for and loved. Reflecting on her journey, Taye shared, **"Coming here changed everything for us."**



2025 BY THE NUMBERS



AWARDS & RECOGNITION

The Margaret Home was honored with two prestigious awards through the Rochester Business Journal.



Paula Belemjian received the **Women of Excellence Award**, recognizing her exceptional leadership and dedication to empowering women and families.



The Margaret Home received the **Elevating Women Award**, recognizing meaningful impact in providing a supportive, nurturing environment where mothers and their children can heal, grow, and thrive.

RESIDENTS OF OUR HOME

Every day at The Margaret Home is centered around creating stability, support, and opportunity for mothers and their children.



8 People called The Margaret Home their home (4 mothers, 4 children).



4 Children celebrated their 1st birthdays at The Margaret Home.



2,920 Nights of restful sleep were provided for mothers and their babies.



24 Months was the average length of stay.

A LOOK AT OUR EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

Through The Margaret Home's Empowerment Program, residents participated in **120** classes designed to support personal growth, independence, and long-term success. These offerings, paired with individualized support services, equip mothers with the tools, confidence, and resources needed to build stable, thriving futures for themselves and their children.



50 Hours of mental health counseling were provided to residents, 'supporting emotional well-being and growth.



100% of residents completed a financial literacy program, building skills in budgeting and financial planning.



1 Resident is completing her associate's degree.



2 Residents are completing certification programs to advance their careers.



100% of residents are currently employed.



3 Residents earned their driver's license, and **2** residents purchased their first vehicle.

MEASURING IMPACT, *Growth*, AND SUPPORT

Our Network of Support



2,000
Volunteer Hours



88
Active Volunteers



40+ New
Volunteers in 2025



250+ Donation
Drop-Offs



1,500+
Items Donated



50+
Referral Organizations

Successful Transitions

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Graduation from The Margaret Home is not an ending, it's a beginning. Moms leave this place with jobs, stability and confidence to build their future.

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The Margaret Home maintained **100% retention** in our **two-year program**, reflecting a steady commitment to healing and the strength of each family.



100% of families are preparing for the **Transitional Housing Program**, demonstrating readiness for the next chapter of independence.



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As mothers move in, you can see them finally exhale- They have a bedroom, a stocked kitchen, and a stable place to call home.

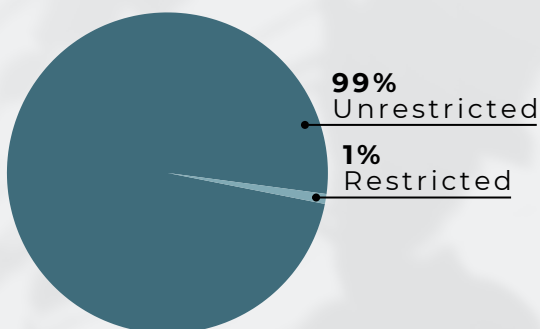
The Margaret Home is more than a place to stay, it is a sanctuary offering stability, empowerment, and the tools to build a new life.

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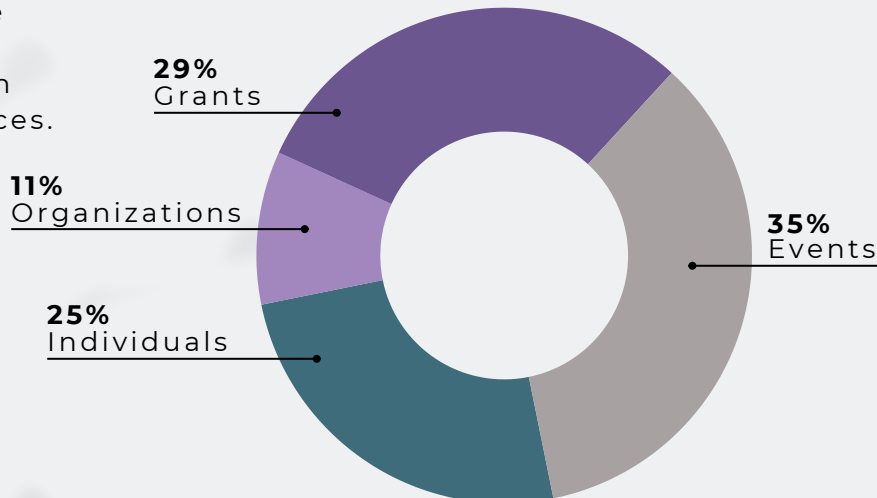
2025 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Revenue

In 2025, The Margaret Home received **\$865,932** in total **revenue**, with the vast majority (99% unrestricted) allowing for flexible, mission-driven support across programs and services.



Revenue Sources:



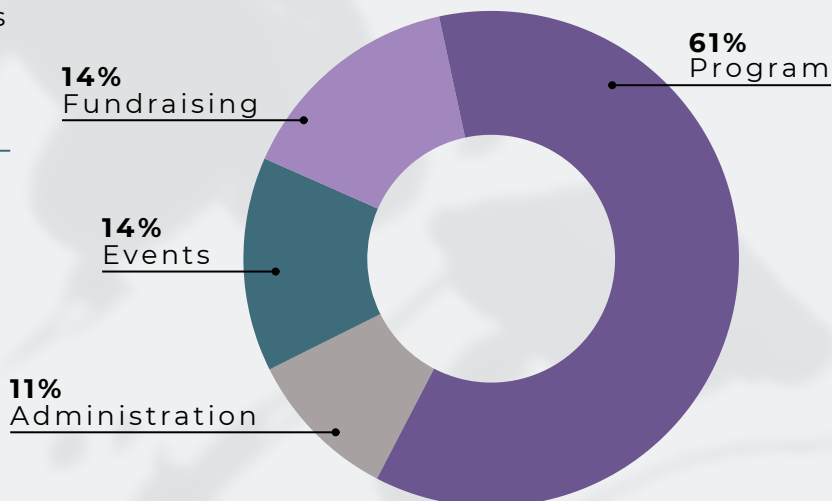
Expenses

Total **expenses** for 2025 were **\$592,754**, with the majority of funds directly supporting programs that serve mothers and their children.

Our Commitment

Every dollar is thoughtfully managed to maximize impact—supporting essential programs while maintaining responsible and sustainable operations.

Expense Allocation:



A Note on 2025 Surplus

Our financial strength in 2025 serves as the bridge to our future. By intentionally carrying our year-end surplus into 2026, we have started the next chapter of The Margaret Home's expansion, ensuring The Margaret Home can grow alongside the needs of the mothers and children we serve.

2025 GIVING OVERVIEW

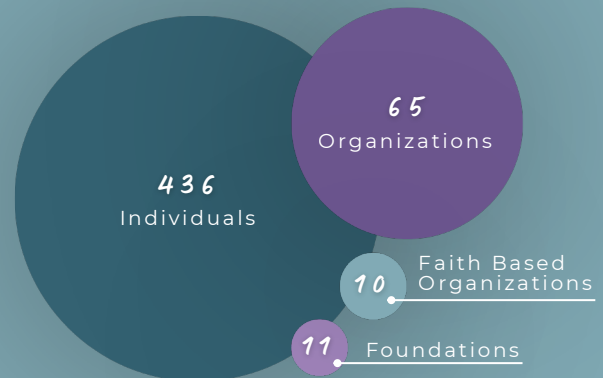
Our Donor Impact

Giving Statistics

In 2025, generosity reached new heights at The Margaret Home, stabilizing our mission and fueling meaningful growth. This momentum reflects a fresh commitment from new donors and a deepening commitment returning donors.

Together, donors contributed **\$865,932** in 2025, a **46%** increase from the previous year. We welcomed **215 new donors** with a strong average gift of **\$815**. This support came from a diverse network of **436** individuals, **65** organizations, **11** faith-based partners, and **10** foundations.

Donor Source Breakdown



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To our donors, thank you for being the heart of The Margaret Home. Your generosity ensures every mother who walks through our doors finds the healing, stability, and love she deserves.

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Reflecting on our 2025 Gala

286 Guests attended, a **15%** increase in attendance from 2024

\$284,195 Raised, a **27%** increase from 2024

14 New sponsors participated

83 New donors

\$24,720 raised from live and silent auctions

\$14,400 in-kind gifts donated to the event



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